

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 5 through 12 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/730,376, filed December 5, 2000, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/088,413, filed June 1, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,222,832, which is related to Application No. 08/992,760, filed December 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,081,536, and related to Application No. 08/992,759, filed December 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,151,332, and related to Application No. 09/030,049, filed February 24, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,236,647, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/250,908, filed on December 1, 2000, and Provisional Application No. 60/251,148, filed December 4, 2000. The entire teachings of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

The related applications paragraph has been herein amended because some of the applications to which priority was claimed in the application as filed did not have at least one common inventor with the present application. Accordingly, a priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 was incorrect.

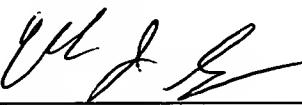
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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